



RESOLUTION

NAMING THE KAILUA BEACH PARK PAVILLION THE "MARY GEORGE PAVILION" AND APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL PLAQUE THERE.

WHEREAS, veteran councilmember and legislator Mary George established a long record of achievement and public service; and

WHEREAS, Mary George, born in 1916, was the first woman to be elected to the Honolulu City Council in 1968, where she served until November 6, 1974; and

WHEREAS, from 1974 to 1994, Mary George served in the State Senate, where she chaired key committees despite being in the minority party; and

WHEREAS, the dominant theme of Mary George's political career was ethics, resulting in the moniker "Mrs. Clean" for her efforts to promote ethics reforms in city and state government; and

WHEREAS, Mary George was instrumental in inspiring codes of ethics at both the city and state government levels, along with commissions to enforce those codes; and

WHEREAS, in the Senate, Mary George was a key force in establishing the state Ethics Commission, the first of its kind in the nation to administer and enforce ethics guidelines for state officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cayetano, mourning her death on December 16, 1997, called Mary George the "conscience of the Senate," noting that she was the embodiment of integrity and principled action; and

WHEREAS, during her lifetime, Mary George's political career and community service were inextricably linked; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, when she was first elected to the Honolulu City Council, Mary George committed herself to the expansion of Kailua Beach Park, which was already too small for the growing windward community; and

WHEREAS, Mary George, even after leaving the Honolulu City Council in 1974, continued to support and work on behalf of the city's commitment to expand Kailua Beach Park through the gradual acquisition of thirteen adjacent properties, along with Camp Kailani, which was finally accomplished in 1982; and



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WHEREAS, although a controversy involving the use of Camp Kailani delayed the expansion of the park for many more years, Mary George stood firm in her commitment to the expansion and improvement of Kailua Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, today, residents and visitors alike enjoy the beauty and recreational features of an enlarged and improved Kailua Beach Park, including a well-used park pavilion; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 (ROH), authorizes, in an exceptional case, a facility owned by the City to be named for a deceased person who "has a significant association with the facility"; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.5(f), ROH, authorizes the Council, on its own motion, to designate the name of an existing City facility by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.5(e), ROH, authorizes the Council to approve by resolution the placement of an appropriate memorial, such as a plaque, at a City facility; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Mary George had during her lifetime, and continues to have, a significant association with the Kailua Beach Park pavilion, and should be recognized by naming the Kailua Beach Park pavilion after her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Kailua Beach Park pavilion is hereby named the "Mary George Pavilion"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council also approves the placement of an appropriate memorial plaque at the "Mary George Pavilion" to honor the memory of Mary George and requests the City Administration to place the memorial plaque; and



CITY COUNCIL
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

Barbara A. Stender

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers